COMMERCIAL.

Monetary. Stocks were steady on Tuesday, but continue very dull in Baltimore. There was a further improvement at New York, where it appears the scarcity of cash stock continues, and the difficulties in borrowing for delivery, force purchases daily. The foreign news, with the gold coming from abroad, and what the susceptible New Yorkers regard as rather more encouraging appearances at Washington, relieves the panic feeling for the moment. At the second board in New York yesterday, however, prices were somewhat down again. The new \$10,000,000 Treasury Note bill has beome a law, and the advertisement for bids for \$5 .-000,000 has been issued-in time to provide funds for the payment of the January interest on the public debt. Parties wanting these notes will bid

willingness to take considerable amounts at 7 3 The steamer Etna, at New York, from Liverpool, brought £70,000 sterling in gold, and the Atlantic was to sail on the 5th with £149,000. The Persia, from Liverpool on the 7th instant, is expected to bring \$1,000,000 in gold on board. With that received by the Europa last week, these arrivals will make two millions and a half in specie from England since the 1st instant, the principal part of which is doubtless intended for the purchase of

he lowest rate of interest at which they will take

them. Several parties have alredy intimated a

Alexandria Market, December 19.

Flour continues quiet with fair stocks, but no shipping demand, and the sales are confined to the retail trade. Quotations are nominal. note an improvement in wheat, with larger offerings and a better enquiry; sales of musty white were made at 100e; common to fair and good red 104, 106, 108 and 110c.; fair to good white 115, 118 and 123c. Corn is in fair request-very little old coming to market, and no sales reported. New white in tolerable supply, with sales at 53@55e., according to dryness. Rye is wanted, and we quote 60 (665c. Oats quiet at 28c. We have no change to note in other articles usually quoted. Business a little more active, but money continues very tight.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19 .- Flour steady; Howard street \$5: Ohio \$4,87; City Mills \$4 62. Wheat dull; red 110 @ 117c; white 120 @ 140c. Corn steady: sales of 10,000 bushels new white and yellow 48@ 53c. Provisions dull; mess pork \$16. Lard 10c. Coffee dull at 12@13c. Whiskey steady at 18c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 - Flour 5@10c. higher. Wheat le. bigher, with a fair export demand. Corn firm. Provisions dull. Whiskey nominal at ise. Stocks are active and better. Mo. 6's 67.

New York Cattle Market, Dec. 18.

The market opens with more life than last week, but with no other advantage to the drover. The butchers get better cattle to day at 9@91c. a lb., for the net weight of beef, than they did last week, on the average, and there are more bullocks selling at 10c. D lb. than before in any week for a long time, while there are a good many superextra fine bullocks selling for Christmas show beef, at 12@122c. net a fb. There were about 3,500 head on sale to-day, and of a better average quality than we have seen for a long time. Philadelphia Cattle Market, Dec. 17.

The receipts of Beef Cattle this week reached

about 1300 head, and the market was rather better, the prices ranging at \$7 to \$9,50 per 100 lbs net, for common to prime. Cows sold at from \$25 to \$50 each, as to condition. Hogs-About 5000 head at market: sales at \$7 @ \$7.50 per 100 lbs. net, for still and corn fed. Sheep-About 3500

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MARINE LIST. PORT OF ALEXANDRIA-DECEMBER 19.

ARRIVED. Passed up for Washington, Schr. Catherine Jane, from Philadelphia, been in the Ice, and a ground below this port.

McKenzie. Schr. Access, Bonnett, Baltimore, by Wm. H. Fowle & Son. Schr. Isaac Rich, Berry, Boston, by T. J. Me-

haffey. Schr. R. H. Wilson, Davis, New York, by B.M. Franks.

Ship Joseph Clark, Emerson, arrived at Plymouth, from Liverpool, for this port, 1st inst. Brig Leviathan, Winchenback, and Schr. Char lotte E. Buck, Coombs, hence at Boston, 17th inst. Sehr. Wm. Mason, Stuples, from Dighton, for this port, sailed from Newport, 15th inst. Schr. Wm. McGilvery, Carlisle, arrived at Boston, from Georgtown D C., 17th inst.

Schr. M. Jane, Clark, hence at Boston, 17th in-Schr. Angler, Phillips, arrived at Holmes' Hole, from Georgetown, D C., for Boston, 15th inst.

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AB- I. O. O. F .- The members of Potomac Lodge, No. 38, contemplate holding a FAIR, and would respectfully invite the "Daughters of Rebekah," and any other Ladies friendly to the object to meet at their Hall, on Friday afternoon, December 21st, at 24 o'clock.

HUGH LATHAM, Chairman of Committee.

A NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENT. ONE OF SLOAT'S ELEPTIC SEWING MA-CHINES, manufactured on Southern soil, in Richmond, Va. Call and examine them, at C. C. BERRY'S, Agent,

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J. E. DÖUGLASS. and for sale by

180 DRUMS, CHOICE FIGS 26 boxes Valencia Raisins, just received,

and for sale by 18 BARRELS prime New Crop New Orleans and Muscovado MOLASSES, just received,

and for sale by J. E. DOUGLASS. 20 BARRELS YELLOW SUGAR, received this day, and for sale by die 20

CIDER! CIDER!! CIDER!!! 20 BBLS. PURE CRAR APPLE CIDER, just received, and for sale by GEORGE H. ROBINSON.

APPLES! APPLES! 200 BARRELS PRIME BALDWIN AP-PLES, landing by Schr. J. W. Scaver, for sale by [dec 15] NATH'L. BOUSH.

REMOVED. DEARY BROTHERS have removed to Fair-fax street, in the Mansion House build-

HAVE SOLD 150 MACGREGOR STOVES I in Alexandria, and surrounding country, the past an I present season. For sale only by

THE VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO THE U. S .- On the 8th inst., Lord Lyons, the British minister at Washington, addressed a letter to Secretary Cass, at the command of the Queen, conveying to the President of the United States the expression of her Majesty's thanks for the cordial reception given

to his Royal Highness, the Price of Wales, during his late visit to this country, by the President himself, and by all classes of the citizens. In this letter, Lord Lyons remarks: "One of the main objects which her Majesty had in view in sanctioning the visit of his Royal Highness, was to prove to the Presi- ertson President, convened on Saturday last, sincerity of those sentiments of esteem and Hon. Lucas P. Thompson, Richard Parker, regard which her Majesty and all classes of James W. F. Allen, and the President .her subjects entertain for the kindred race Judge Field is absent. The court has some

dent and citizens of the United States the which occupies so distinguished a position in | important cases before it. the community of nations. Her Majesty has feelings and those of her people, in this respect, have been met with the warmest sympa-Majesty trusts that the feelings of confidence | cuit Court. and affection, of which late events have proved beyond all question the existence, will long continue to prevail between the two countries to their mutual advantage, and to the general interests of civilization and hu-

"I am commanded to state to the President that the Queen would be gratified by his making known generally to the citizens of the United States her grateful sense of the kindness with which they received her son, who has returned to England deeply impressed with all he saw during his progress through the States, but more especially so with the friendly and cordial good will manifested towards him on every occasion by all classes of the community.

To this letter Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Trescott, responded. We quote:

"I am instructed by the President to express the gratification with which he has learned how correctly her Majasty has appreciated the spirit with which his Royal Highness was received throughout the republie, and the cordial manifestation of that spirit by the people of the United States which accompanied him in every step of his

"Her Majesty has justly recognized that the visit of her son aroused the kind and generous sympathies of our citizens, and, if may so speak, has created an almost personal interest in the fortunes of the royalty which he so well represents.

"The President trusts that this sympathy and interests towards the future representatives of the sovereignty of Great Britain is at once an evidence and a guarantee of that consciousness of common interest and mutual regard which have in the past, and will in the future, bind together more strongly than treaties, the feelings and the fortunes of the two nations which represent the enterprise, the civilization, the constitutional liberty of the same great race."

MARRIED.

On the 12th instant, by the Rev. A. M. Ran-dolph, Mr. THOMAS S. KNOX, to Miss MOLLIE On the 6th instant, by Rev. Wm. F. Broaddus, Mr. WM. MOON, formerly of Philadelphia, to Miss MARY B, daughter of Thomas I, and Mary

Berry, of Fredericksburg. T. Parker, all of that city.

In Boston, on the 13th inst., by Rev. Dr. Orville Dewey, EDWARD CLARK, esq., of Washington, to Miss EVELINE F. FREEMAN, daughter of Watson Freeman, esq., U. S. Marshal for Massachusetts District.

DIED.

In Washington, on the 16th inst., Miss THOMA-SON WILKINSON. In Fredericksburg, on the 9th inst., JAMES

JENNINGS-67 years of age. HE GREAT FAMILY PAPER THE GREAT FAMILY PAPER.
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> PROSPICTUS THE NEW YORK LEDGER.

We intend to make the NEW YORK LEDGER for 180 superior to that of 1860, or of any other year in the past.— Among our contributors will be the PRESIDENT OF THE Schr. Elate, Facemire, New York, by Lewis INITED STATES. EDWARD EVERETT, GEORGE BAN UNITED STATES, EDW ARD EVERET, GEORGE BAYER CROFT, WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT, JOHN G. SAXE, GEORGE P. MORRIS, N. P. WILLIS, GEORGE D. PRENTICE, THOMAS DUNN ENGLISH, SYLVANUS COEB. JR. EMERSON BENNETT, T. S. ARTHUR, P. HAMILTON MYERS, COL. WALTER B. DUNLAP, S. COMPTON SMITH, JOHN ESTEN COOKE, MRS. SIGGURNEY, MRS. SOUTHWORTH, FANNY FERN, ANNA CORA RITCHIE, ALICE CARY, MARY FORREST, MARION HARLAND, MISS E. A. DUPUY, MARY STANLEY GIBSON, PHERE CARY, and many Clergymen. Professors in Colleges, States men, and other endment writers residing in different parts

Our corps of contributors for the coming year will be a of the Union. barge, and will embrace such a variety of eminent ment, that every department of literature will receive the particular attention of some one competent to do it ample and special justice. Whether it be popular renormes, scientific essay, historical sketch, scholastic disquisition, spicy para-graph, pathetic ballad, humorous poem, old-firshioned love story, timely editerial, or any other ingredient of pepular and elevated journalism, that is to be furnished, the LEDG ER corps will be sufficient for the task. In fact, our concributors will send us from week to week much more matter than we can possibly use, so that we shall always have a fresh and superadoudant supply, from which to select the very mest. These facts, taken in connection with our largely increased means, facilities and experience, warrant us, we think, in promising our readers a family paper for

the year 1861 which will be more interesting and instruclive, and in every respect more valuable, even than the LEDGER has been in the past. As an indication of the popularity of the LEDGER, we need only state the simple fact that its circulation is larger than that of any other TEN literacy papers in the country .-Its great success is owing to the fact that we seeme the best writers in the country, and spare no expense in gebest writers in the coaintry, and space no expense in gra-ting up the mest panetty bareas, a paper of high moral tone. The exalted reputation of its contributors, the practical and invariably pure and healthy character of all its articles, the care which is taken that not even one offensive word shall appear in its columns, and the superiority of its Tales and Sketches, have gained for the NEW YORK LEDGER a po sition that no literary paper has ever before reached.

—ANNA Conx Rireinia, of Richmond, Va., and Col. Wat-TER B. DUNLAR, the author of the popular "Forest Sketches,

which were published in our columns some time since, will each begin a story in the LEBGER early in the new year. Mrs. Sournworth is also engaged upon a new tale. —In the next number of the LEBGER, we shall publish a cery interesting article, written expressly for our col-umns, entitled, A Day with Lone Bynox, from the pen of

the Hon, George Bancroft.

—It is with much satisfaction that we announce that Mr. Everett will continue his elegant and interesting con-tributions to the LEDGER during the next year. As this is the season of the year when Postmasters and others are in the habit of forming clubs, we direct their others are in the many particular attention to OUR TERMS.

Single copies, \$2 per annum; two copies, \$5; four copies, \$6; eight copies, \$12. Postmasters and others who get up thibs can afterwards add single copies at \$1.50. The party who sends us \$12 for a club of eight copies (all sent at one time) will be entitled to a copy free for his troutde. Term-invariably in advance. No subscriptions taken for a less period than one year. Canada subscribers must send twenty-six cents in addition to the subscription, to pay the American postage, which is half a cent a copy on every pa per. The notes of all specie-paying banks taken at par.— When a draft or check can conveniently be sent, it will be preferred, as it will prevent the possibility of the loss of me pay by mail

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H. I. GREGORY, 118 and 120 King-street. Boys' SLEDS, for sale by PERRY BROS. VIRGINIA NEWS.

The Penilton tract in Kanawha county, land, and 200 acres of the best timber, such as oak, hickory and walnut.

Judicial District, the Hon. William J. Robin Winchester. The Court is composed of

Smith, charged with having stolen a beef seen with the greatest satisfaction that her from J. H. Simpson, esq., of Loudoun county, was tried in the County Court last week, and held to bail in the sum of \$700 to anthy in the great American Union; and her swer the charge at the next term of the Cir-Next Monday, the regular monthly term of

Clarke County Court commences. The following gentlemen comprise the Court: G. Hardesty, P. J.; R. K. Meade, Th. L. Humphrey, G. C. Biakemore and B. Mor-Richmond, against J. B. Morton, Wm. M!

Caldwell, Archibald Thomas, John Pero, ped:-Washington Star. Fleming G.iffin and Sarah Robertson, for refusing to answer questions propounded by the census takers. David Meade was elected Magistrate last Saturday, in the White-Post District, (No.

1,) Clarke County, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of A. M. Earle, The daughter of Mr. John A. Evans, living near Garrisonville, in Stafford county, was, a few evenings ago, so dreadfully burned by her clothes accidentally taking fire, that she

died in a short time afterwards. A new office is established at Oak Woods, Spottsylvania county, Va , and William Lancaster appointed postmaster-on route from Fredericksburg to Orange Court House.

The cases of the Commonwealth vs the olayers of Keno, in Fredericksburg, bave been decided in the Corporation Court in favor of the defendants.

Aman named Self was arrested in Danville last week, on a charge of having robbed the post office at Milton, North Carolina, some days since. The Petersburg, Va., Bulletin has been nurchused by John G. Perry, esq., of Lynch-

burg, who will continue it as a Democratic (Breekinridge) organ. On Saturday night a double frame tenement in Portsmouth, Va., owned by Mr. Gray, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,000.

The Rappahannock River, for a considerable distance, is covered with ice. Excellent paper is now manufactured at the Paper Mill in Fredericksburg.

DREADFUL CALAMITY.—EIGHT OR TEN Layes Lost.—One of the most appailing ca lamities that has occurred in this vicinity for several years took place shortly before four o'clock yesterday morning, near Swan Point, In Washington, on the 13th instant, by the Rev. on the Chesapeake bay, about twenty miles Mr. McCauley, Charles E. Conrab, esq., to Miss Rebecca W. Parker, daughter of M. with guano, was lying at that noint, and the schooner Richmond, Capt. James Chiveral, was sent down to lighten a part of her cargo, that she might come up to the city.

About one hundred tons of guano had been taken from the ship and placed on the schooner when the latter started for this city. Shortly after having left the ship it | was discovered that there was a leak forward, and that the schooner was making water so rapidly that it would be impossible to run her ashore before she would sink. She settled so rapidly that out of the eighteen persons on board but seven could get into the yawl boat, and the others, with one ex ception, went down with the vessel.

Among those on board were Capt. Chiveral and a young man, son of Capt. Thos. Hopkins, who is a part owner of the schooner. George Melvin, a pilot, who was on board, seeing no other hope of escape, jumped into the rigging and ran to the mast head, where he remained until nearly eight o'clock when he was discovered and relieved by Capt. Albert League, of the tug Lioness, who was going down to tow the ship up to port. Capt. L. then cruised around for some time, but saw nothing of the bodies of the lost .-On board was a German boy whom Capt. Chiveral had under tutorship, and seeing the danger of the boy, rushed with a hope to rescue him, but the vessel went down so an old pilot on the Chesapeake, about 48 The attention of the citizens is quickly that both were lest. Capt. C. was years old, married, but had no children .--He was a native of St. Mary's county .- Bult.

OGANGE & ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD.

TWO DAILY TRAINS. N and after SATURDAY, December 15, 1860, O TWO TRAINS will leave Alexandria daily, for Lynchburg and the Southwest, connecting at Gordonsville with the Trains on the Virginia Central Railroad, for Richmond, Charlottesville Staunton, &c., and with the Train on the Manussa. Gap Railroad, for Woodstock, Mt. Jackson, &c. Through Tickets to LYNCHBURG, KNOX VILLE, MEMPHIS, NASHVILLE, MOBILE, MONTGOMERY, and NEW ORLEANS, at the Ticket Office, corner of Duke and Henry streets

Leave Alexandria at 7.15, A. M., and 7.15, P. M. Lynchburg at 5.10, A. M., and 7.20, P. M. 737 The connections with Virginia Central and Manassas Gap Railroads are made by the day trains only.

J. M. BROADUS, General Ticket Agent Jest NOTICE .- Freights for Lynchburg will leave Alexandria, on Monday and Friday mornings, and arrive in Lynchburg Tuesday and Sa-Freight will leave Lynchburg on Monday and

Friday mornings, and arrive in Alexandria on Tuesday and Saturday evenings. J. F. LATHAM, Agent of Transportation, Orange and Alex'a. It. B.

NOTICE.

TENHERE will be two Freight trains next week, one will leave Alexandria, on Monday, and return on Tuesday, and one on Friday and return

J. F. LATHAM, Agent Transportation, Orange and Alexandria R. R. Co. THANSPORTATION OFFICE, M. G. R. R.)

December 19, 1860. Life Commence - Manager - Commence TENHERE will be no Freight trains on this road 1 on Monday and Tuesday next. The train will leave Alexandria on Wednesday and Friday, next week, and return to Alexandria on Thursday

WM. S. FEWELL, Agent Transportation, Manassas Gap Railroad Company. HEREAFTER, until further notice, the Passenger Trains of the Orange and Alexandria

pot, corner of Duke and Henry streets. J. M. BROADUS, G. T. A. N OTICE.—Passengers for the Grange and Alexandria Railroad, are requested to provide themselves with proper change, for the purchase of their tickets. J. M. BROADUS,

of their tickets. General Ticket Agent. [50] TONS SOFT BLUE WINDSOR PLAS. TER, daily expected, for sale by FOWLE & CO WANTED at the Episcopal High School, a

(YLOAKS - A good assortment, just received by for sale by

A SINGULAR CASE .- The day before yeswas sold at auction on the 8th inst. Pur- terday a gentleman named E. M. Corder, chaser, Samuel Triplitt, lately of Frederick from Virginia, arrived at Clarendon House co., Md., for the sum of \$15 50 per acre. It in this city and took lodgings. He did not contains 500 acres. Six months ago it appear at the breakfast table yesterday, and would, it is said, have brought \$25 per acre. at 10 o'clock a. m., the clerk thinking he 100 acres of the tract consists of bottom might be ill, proceeded to his apartment, which he found locked. By using a pass key he managed to thrust out the door key and The District Court of Appeals, for the 6th unlock the door. On opening the door he was nearly knocked senseless by the odor of gas, but springing into the room he succeeded in raising a window and turning off the gas, which had been whistling through the burner all night. The Virginian lay on the bed senseless, and it was at first supposed lifeless, his features hideously bloated, and presenting every appearance of strangulation. As soon as the room became relieved of the poisonous gas, a slight twitching of the muscles of the throat indicated that there was still life in the man, and several physicians were immediately summoned to his bedside. His case was pronounced entirely hopeless at first, but no pains were spared in order to resuscitate him. All day long they practiced their art upon him, and finally, at a late hour last night, succeeded in restoring him to partial consciousness, and he was pronounced to be in a fair way to recover. In his ignor-Suits are pending in the U.S. Court in ance of the nature and use of gas he had blown out the light and left the flow unstop-

INCLEMENT WEATHER - Yesterday was real Winter's day-a cold disagreeable mist and drizzle, driven by a stiff North East breeze, prevailed all day long, and caused the streets to be almost deserted, save by those whose business impelled them forth. In the early part of the morning, the temperature was so reduced that the moisture was congealed as soon as it fell, and a sleet was formed, which rendered walking quite dangerous.

We learn that snow was falling at the upper stations, on the Manassas Gap Railroad, when the down train passed by this morning.

ABOLITIONIST SENT HOME. - A man from New England passed up the river on Tuesday evening in the Mail Bost, en route for the North, in charge of two gentlemen who had been appointed a committee to escort him beyond Mason's and Dixon's line. He had been arrested by some one of the vigilance committees South for giving expression to abelition doctrines and besides having his read shaved and his face blackened," had been shipped for home.

THE RIVER.-There is yet a good deal of floating ice in the river, but it is fast disappearing, and the steamboats have no difficulty in making their regular trips. The ferry hoat, Alice Fox, has resumed her route, and is again plying regularly between this city and the Maryland shore opposite. Navigation for sailing vessels is yet impeded on account of the floating ice, but this, with the weather we are having now, will not con-

On Wednesday last, the 12th instant, Messrs. Wall & Barnard, Auctioneers, o Washington, disposed of part of "Greenwood Park Enlarged," in Prince George's county Maryland, containing two hundred and twelve acres, to Mr. Benjamin Padgett, of that county, for \$51 per acre. This land would have brought a short time ago from seventy to seventy-five dollars per acre-and is another evidence of the unsettled state of

PRAYERS FOR THE UNION .- The Young Men's Christian Association have been hold ing prayer meetings nightly, at the Metholist Episcopal Church, where fervent prayers and supplications are offered up to the Throne of Grace, for the peace, harmony and perpetuity of our glorious Union.

VESSELS BOUND DOWN .- The steam tug l'empest, having in tow three packet schooners, bound North, and four pungy boats, which had been caught away from home by the cold snap, passed down the river, yesterday morning, shunning the heavy mases of floating ice in fine style.

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SELLING OFF AT AUCTION, AND RETAIL-ING AT PRIME COST. HALL & HARPER, UPPERVILLE, VA., TATILL commence their auction again, VV Thursday, the 20th instant, and continue from day to day, keeping it up throughout Christ mas week. They have some \$3 000 or \$2,500 worth of well asserted GGODS. Many of them are as desirable as can be found, and such as are usually kept in a Village Store. They have a good assertment of Hats, Cups, Boots, Shoes, Ladies' Dress Goods, Silks, a fine stock of Ribbons, Railroad will leave and arrive at the regular de | Laces, Trimmings, Emigraideries, and indeed every variety to suit the country sales. Persons having purchases to make, will find it to their advantage both to attend the Auction, and buy at private sale, as we will save them from 25 to 50 per cent. - HALL & HARPER.

> FOR RENT-The three story BRICK STORE, No. 17, north side of King street, between Union and Water streets-possession given on the 1st January, 1861. For particulars C. C. SMOOT. apply next door, to CIUPERIOR COAL Oil, Ethercal Oil, Turpen-

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BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION Third Day's Proceedings.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 19 .- The Sovereign Convention of South Carolina re-assembled at Institute Hall, this morning, at 11 o'clock, the President, Gen. Jamison, in the Chair. Rev. Mr. Curtis opened the Convention with what the Associated Press dispatch de-

signates as an "encouraging prayer." Several new members appeared and took their seats, increasing the number present

to one hundred and sixty. The minutes of yesterday were read, and ordered to be recorded as correct.

The chair laid before the Convention, communication from A. Huger, esq., Post Muster of the city of Charleston, proffering the aid of a messenger to facilitate the delivery of such mail matter as may arrive for the members of the Convention.

The chair, also, laid before the Convention, ı letter from John A. Ellmore, Commissioner from the State of Alabama, to the State of South Carolina. The communication enclosed a telegraphic dispatch from Governor Moore, of Alabama, in the following words: "MOSTGOMERY, Dec. 17 .- John A. Ellmore .-Tell Convention to listen to no proposition of com-

romise or delay." The reading of the dispatch was received with loud applause by the spectators, and it was referred by the Convention to the Committee appointed yesterday to prepare an ad-

dress to the people of the South. Mr. J. R. Reed introduced a series of resolutions: ordering the President of the Convention to appoint a cashier and deputy cashier: ordering the clerk to superintend the printing of the proceedings of the Convention; directing that the reporters for pub lie journals be allowed access to the Hall for the purpose of reporting the proceedings of the Convention; fixing the regular hour of meeting at 10 o'clock, subject to the special order of the Convention; directing the preparation of an alphabetical list of the names of the members of the Convention, with their Post Offices, and ordering the Journal to be published and laid on the desks of members before the hour of meeting.

Mr. Keitt moved to amend the resolutions by inserting 11 o'clock in place of 10; which amendment was accepted.

Mr. Middleton moved to strike out the last resolution to which objection was made Mr. Simmons desired to know how far the resolution respecting the admission of reporters extended.

Mr. Inglis moved that only the reporters from the State be admitted.

Mr. Quattlebaum moved that each resolution be voted upon separately; which motion

Mr. Logan moved to admit but two. Mr. Cheves moved to amend the amend ment by admitting reporters at the discretion of the President. He said that the question would then be between the editors and the

Mr. Memminger desired to know if the resolution applied to reporters from the Southern States alone. Mr. Simmons thought that the matter

had better be left to the reporters themselves. Mr. Cheves called for a vote upon his Mr. Curtis thought that the Convention

Mr. Memminger moved that a bar be erected, and access within it granted by the Sar-

should not be ashamed of what they were

Without coming to any conclusion on the question, it was, by consent, laid over.

Mr. Benneau introduced a resolution requesting the Mayor of Charleston to detail proper police force for duty, at the door of the Hall of the Convention, so that members might have free access and egress.

Objection was made to the resolution. Mr. Reed moved as an amendment that the Charleston delegates be appointed a committee of arrangements.

Mr. Benneau accepted the amendment. Mr. Richardson thought that it would be better to pass the resolution as originally offered, for at last the Convention would have to sit for two days or more with closed doors, and therefore all persons not entitled to seats within the hall would be excluded. He made these suggestions to pacify those out side. If any one save those authorized, were admitted, hundreds would claim a similar privilege. He moved that the Convention

sit to-day and to-morrow with closed doors Mr. Chestnut said that it would be im practicable except on certain occasions, and for specific purposes, that a Convention of the people, or a deliberative body in discussion, should sit with closed doors. Open doors were essential to the satisfaction of the public mind, otherwise visitors, whether from the States or foreign countries, would look upon us unfavorably. Let us sit all the time with open doors-still some questions must be discussed among ourselves. We must satisfy the public mind. It would be better to procure a more suitable Hall. where we can more readily sit with closed doors, if it should become necessary. He moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Magrath believed that the people of Charleston did not wish to intrude through curiosity upon the proceedings of the Convention. He did not think that there wer two men in the city of Charleston who woul not sacrifice their curiosity or desire to seand hear the deliberations of the Convention and coasider the matters submitted. The Hall in which they were in was the best in

Mr. Means seconded the motion.

Mr. Richards thought that there should be no discrimination; neither friend or foe should know what was transpiring within Mr, Middleton said that the Convention would obviate the difficulty of sitting with

A motion was made to refer the whole four of whom were severely injured.

closed doors, by employing an artizan to

erect barriers. Spectators could then be

admitted without interfering with the busi

matter to the Charleston delegation, and the substitute for sitting with closed doors having been withdrawn, Mr. Reed moved to lay the whole subject on the table.

Mr. Benneau withdrew his resolution.

Mr. Dargen said that while the subject was before the Convention, he would offer a resolution, authorizing the President to issue tickets to reporters at his discretion; which motion was carried.

The resolution authorizing the printing of the list of the names of members, was next Mr. Prestley moved to insert in the list, the

made and the motion withdrawn. The Convention then took up the resolution providing that the journal be printed, and laid on the table of members; which was

A resolution was introduced that the Convention adopt for its government the standing rules of the previous Conventions of the

Mr. Quattlebaum moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Reed said that the Conventions 1832 and 1852 had published rules, and it policy which recent debates point to as likewould be convenient if this Convention would adopt them.

Mr. Memminger said that such rules would embarrass the Convention. The President shall interfere to protect slavery, south of could refer to the rules of the House of Rep-

resentatives for parliamentary laws. Mr. Quattlebaum withdrew his motion,

and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Wardiaw moved that the communication from a portion of the members of the Georgia Legislature be taken up. He wished it referred to the committee upon the address

to the South. Mr. Middleton said that this was not a communication from the Legislature of Goorgia, but merely from sundry persons calling themselves members of the Georgia Legislature. Might not the convention incur a risk; for proceeding in this way would offer an opportunity for communications from New York and Pennsylvania to be presented, and the Convention be bound to refer to the same committee all similar papers. He thought it would be well to lay the communication on the table, and let it be understood that this body will not reeive unofficial documents.

Mr. Calhoun moved that this communication, only, be referred. Mr. Quattlebaum moved to lay the resolu-

tion on the table; but objection was made. Mr. Wardlaw said that this was only a paper from a body of respectable persons who are citizens of Georgia, and many

hear anything from us? Mr. Middleton said that there was no evidence of the authenticity of the document. the signatures being all in the same hand writing. The Convention should preserve

its self respect in these matters. Mr. Wardlaw called attention to the fact, that the telegraphic dispatch from Governor Moore was in the same category. Mr. Simmons hoped that official commu-

nications alone would be received.

Mr. Dargen thought that as the document was couched in respectful terms, there was no reason why it should not be considered, especially as it was from Georgia, the Empire State of the South.

Mr. Inglis said that the Convention must draw, somewhere, the line of distinction between official and unofficial communications. Mr. Quattlebaum, from the Committee on

Printing, reported that that committee had discharged its duties. |Up to 2 o'clock this morning, the hour at which we were compelled to go to press to meet the mails, the above was all that had

been received from Charleston.]

Georgia Legislature. Augusta, Dec. 19 .-- In the State Senate of Georgia, yesterday a discussion took place, which is reported to have been the

ablest of the session. Mr. Hill, of Troup county, in an address of tervid eloquence characterized separate state action as right accomplishing its own defeat :- liberty forging its own chains ;happiness poisoning its own cup, and pros-

The resolution was adopted by a vote ofyeas, 54. nays, 56. A resolution was introduced declaring that as th r is a common interest among the Southern States, there should be common cooperation. The resolution was lost.

perity committing suicide.

Mr. Delany- introduced a bill providing for the protection of citizens of Georgia from the process of the Federal courts--The bill was negatived by a majority of sixteen. Mr. Harris, Commissioner from Missis sippi, was courteously received by the legis-

lature. He made an address, of which a thousand copies were ordered to be printed. On Saturday, in the Senate, a resolution, offering the services of the members of the Legislature in case of coercion by the federal government of any Southern State, and requesting the Governor to order out all the

members first for the field, was lost. Later from Havana.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18 .- The steamers Star of the West and Habana, from Havana 15th inst., have arrived. They bring \$107,000 in Spanish gold. The Spanish Bank had been authorized to issue \$4,000 000 in new bonds, and much relief to the mercantile community was ex-

Tie Captain-General had gone to the western department of the island. The sugar market was unchanged. The new crop was coming in. The stock was

Legislative Secession Meeting in Georgia. Milledgeville, Dec. 19 -On Saturday he members of the Legislature favoring Southern co-operation held a meeting, urging a convention of such Southern States as were in favor of joint action. They also issued an address to the people of S nth Carclina, Alabam , Mississippi and Florida, sigi ed by 52 men. Jers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 .- The steamship At-

Arrival of the Atlantic.

lantic from Havre via Southampton has arived here, but her advices have been anticipated. She brings \$850,000 in specie on American account and 800 tons of French Mills. Terms reasonable as to amount and time. merchandise and 63 passengers. Terrible Steamboat Explosion.

New York, Dec. 19 .- The magnificent steamer Commonwealth of the Stonington | pool, in store and for sale by line, had an accident off Throgs neck this

FROM WASHINGTON

Discussion on Coercion in the Senate THE COMMITTEE OF THIRTY-THREE

Mr. Slidell and the Associated Press.

THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY. THE GAZETTE'S SPECIAL DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, December 18 .- The discussion in the Senate, to-day, was more marked in its character than any which has taken place during the session. Mr. Johnson, of Tenn., a radical Democrat, advocated the coercion of a seceding State-going to greater lengths in this respect than any occupation of the members; objection was Black Republican who has yet spoken .-Gen. Lane replied with much spirit, declaring that he would personally resist the coercion of a seceding State. Mr. Johnson's speech will doubtless strengthen the coercion branch of the Republican party, and in this

respect is much to be deplored. The Committee of Thirty-three still meet daily, and have referred the subject of the Fugitive Slave Law, and the proper remedies for its violation, to a committee, consisting of Messrs. H. Winter Davis, Kellogg, Bristow, Dunn, and Millson. The territoral question in which the Southern members profess the most considerable interest, is now under discussion in Committee. The ly to be adopted by the Committee, is the extension of the Missouri compromise, to the Pacific Ocean. On this subject the main difficulty is, whether the Fedral Government the line in case the Territoral Legislature declines to do so.

The following resolution of H. Winter Davis has passed unanimously in the committee:

"Resolved. That the several States be respectfully requested to cause their statutes to be revised, with a view to ascertain if any of them are in conflict with, or tend to embarrass or hinder the execution of the laws of the United States, made in pursuance of the 2d section of the 4th article of the Constitution of the United States for the delivery up of persons held to labor by the laws of any State and escaping therefrom; and the Senate and House of Representatives earnestly request that all enactments having such tendency be forthwith repealed, as required by a just sense of constitutional obligations, and by a due regard for the peace of the Republic. And the President of the United States is requested to communicate these reselutions to the Governors of the several States, with a request that they will lay the same before the Legislatures thereof respectively.'

The action of Mr. Slidell in the Senate, today, in regard to the Associated Press, undoubtedly grew out of a misapprehension .-The Washington Agent of the Associated Press denies sending anything in relation to Mr. Slidell to the New Orleans papers, and the character of the Agent is a guarantee that he would not lend himself to the promulgation of a falsehood. No man in the Union labors more faithfully to present the exact truth to the public, than Mr. Gobright. Mr. Slidell will, doubtless, find, if an investigation is had that the despatch in question was manufactured in New Orleans.

Business is exceedingly dull here, and the business men are much disheartened. The bill granting the Baltimore and Ohio whom hold important positions. Shall we Railroad the right of way over the Long repulse them by saying that they shall not Bridge, was, to-day postponed and made the special order of to-morrow. Georgetown is working hard against it.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH. Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Black was this morning introduced to the clerks of the State Department by Gen. Cass, who expressed his regret in parting with gentlemen who had so materially assisted him in the performance of his official duties, and with whom his intercourse had been of so pleasant a character. He said he had not a doubt that this would be continued under the administration of his friend, Mr. Black. According to the usual etiquette, the foreign

Ministers will be informed of the latter's appointment. Assistant Secretary of State Trescott has been discharging the duties of that position up to the present time, his resignation being prospective and soon to go into effect.

Death of a Naval Constructor. Boston, Dec. 19 .- Samuel Hartt, naval constructor, and formerly Chief of the Bureau of Construction, Equipment, and Repairs, of the Navy Department, died at Sci-

tuate last night. Suicide. WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 18-J. S. Mc-

St. Lawrence county, committed suicide at this place last evening, by taking opium. President of Trinity College. HARTFORD, CONN., Dec. 18.—Prof. Samuel Eliot was this evening elected President of

Chesney, of New York, formerly of Potsdam,

Trinity College. Resignation of an Army Officer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 .- Brevet Colonel Walker, U. S. A., has resigned. He was in charge of the Arsenal at Augusta, Ga. AUCTION SALES.

SHERIFF'S SALE .- On Saturday, 29th Decemrecently occupied by F. A. Fischer, on King street between Pitt and St. Asaph streets, at public auction, for eash, one shot 4UN, one STOVE, sundry lots of SHOE LASTS, BOOTS, SHOES, &c., &c., levied upon as the property of said Fischer, to satisfy rent in arrear due R. H. Miller.

CHARLES M. CASTLEMAN, D. S. A DMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE SLAVES .- On Tuesday, the 1st day of January, 1861, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for eash, at West End, Fairfax county, a negro WOMAN about fifty years of age,

a first rate cook, washer, and house servant. Also

a-negro GIRL, about twelve years of age. WM. H. DULANY, Administrator of Hannah B. Terrett, dec'd. Fairfax county, dec 20-eots DUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPER-TY, AND HIRING OF SLAVES .- Will be sold on Monday, December 31st, 1860, at Barnaby,

near Pohick Church, Fairfax County, all the per-

sonal property of the late Francis Johnston, con-

sisting of Horses, Cows, and Hogs, Farming Implements, Wagons and Carts; 160 barrels of Corn, 90 bushels of Rye, a large quantity of Oats, Hay, Fodder, Straw, Shucks, &c. TERMS:-All sums of \$10 and under, eash-for all over \$10, a credit of six months will be given, for approved bonds, bearing interest from date.

No property to be removed until the terms are complied with. At the same time and place, EIGHTEEN SLAVES, (men, women and boys,) will be hired for the year 1861. Bonds, with security, will be required. FRANCIS E JOHNSTON,

A. L. MCKENZIE, Administrators of Francis Johnston, dec'd. Fairlax County, Va., dec 19-dtd-

WILL SELL, OR EXCHANGE FOR A SMALL FARM.—The undersigned offers to sell out either of his two RESTAURANTS, one on Union street, the other at the corner of King and Royal streets; or will exchange either of them for a small FARM. These Restaurants have a good run of custom, and offer inducements to any one wishing to engage in the business. For further particulars, enquire of JOHN T. PRICE.

FOR SALE .-- A desirable farm containing about 563 ACRES, situated in Culpoper county, on the Rapid Ann River, about 32 miles from Ellis' Pine View. P. O., Fanquier, co., sug 9-2swif 1500 SACKS G. A. SALT, part of cargo of snip "Scotsman," direct from Liver-

dee 11-entm

morning. She burst her starboard steam SOLE LEATHER. -5000 pounds Sole Leather, chimney, scalding seven of the passengers, S good and good damaged, just received and for sale by [oct 28] KNOX & BRO.